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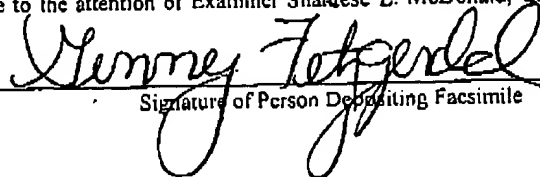
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POLISHING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR REMOVING  
MATERIAL FROM A SURFACE  
OF A WORKPIECE THAT  
INCLUDES LOW-K MATERIAL

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006 and request the Examiner to consider the Amendments and Remarks beginning on the following page. Applicants hereby extend the time for response one month to May 11, 2006.